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pol - ar bears are roam - in' o'er the plain — In the shad - o-w of the

pole I will clasp her to my soul, We'll be hap - py WHEN THE

ICE-WORMS NEST A - GAIN.

2 Oh, the GAIN.

3 And when's



THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

In preparing this Silver Anniversary Festival Booklet we have endeavoured to present a worthwhile souvenir reminiscent of the 25 years, and (to steal the Stage Show headlines) we have strolled a while "Down Memory Lane".

We hope the oldtimers, when looking through this version, will live again some of the pleasures which will be recalled.

To our newcomers may you be infused with some of the enthusiasm and determination which our predecessors had, and used, in developing this great Northland.

To one and all enjoy yourselves, have fun and may God bless you.

Sincerely,
SID WILTON





GREETINGS FROM
THE
LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR
OF
MANITOBA

The Canadian north has always been a place where imagination, determination and courage have seen dreams grow to reality. It was 25 years ago that some of the residents of The Pas had an idea for a winter festival and had the determination to develop this idea. Today, The Pas Trapper's Festival is one of the outstanding winter events in Canada.

At a time when the north is being transformed by modern technology the skills displayed at the Trapper's Festival are reminders of how well man adapted to life in this country when his primary tools were his hands. The events presented at the Festival reflect these changing times as snowmobile races are held along with the dog races. But no matter how man changes his ways of northern travel, The World Championship Dog Race will be the symbol of a time when endurance and a knowledge of the ways of the wild were the guarantees of survival.

The hospitality of the Festival is legendary. I am sure that all who take part in the Trapper's Festival and all those who attend will come away with happy memories of the people and activities that are part of this anniversary.

W. J. MCKEAG
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba

GREETINGS FROM
THE
PREMIER
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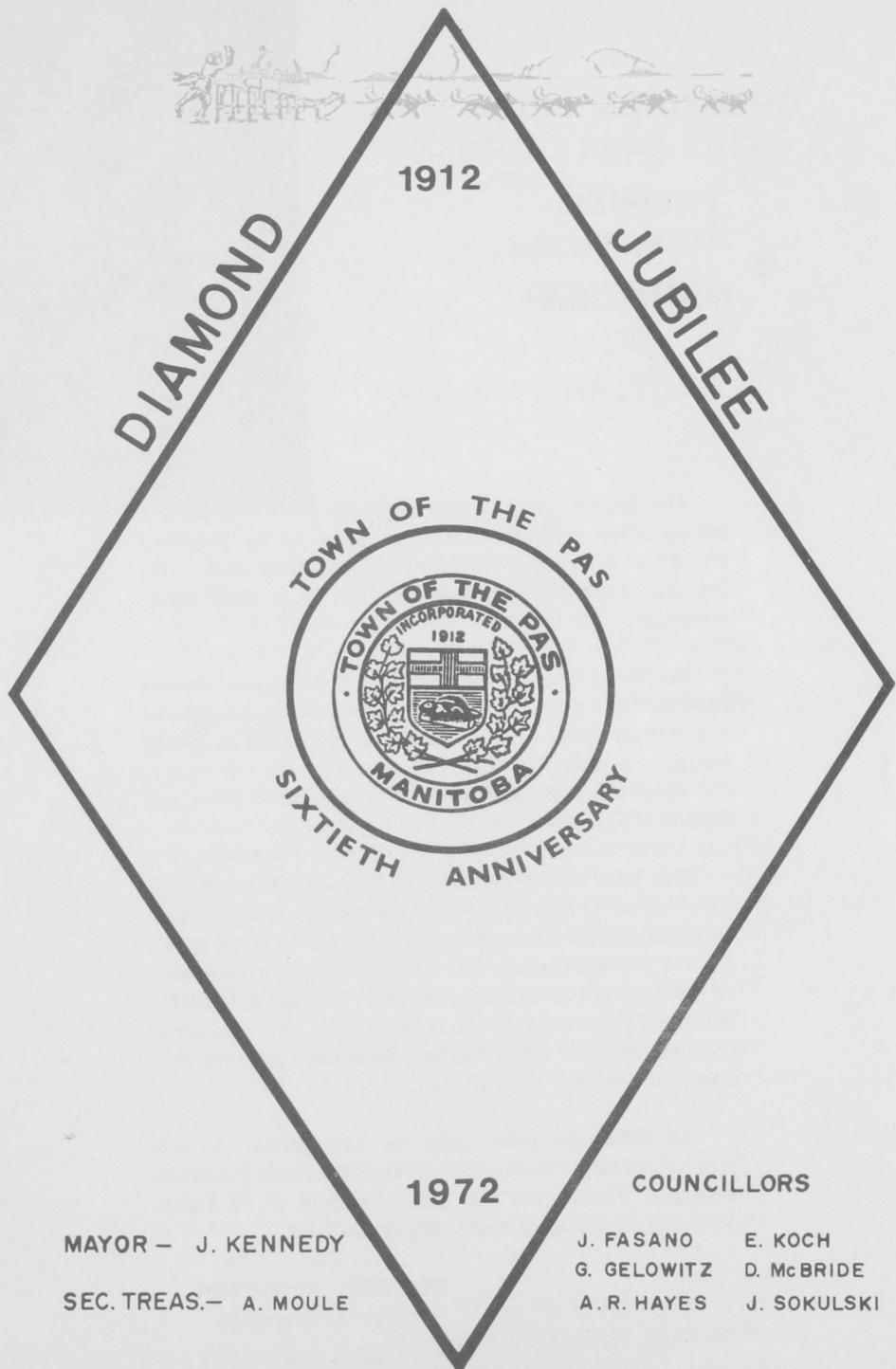
Manitoba's north is a land where great changes are taking place. Industrialization is replacing the trapline: jet planes and power toboggans have taken over from dog teams and snowshoes in the field of primary transportation.

But while the symbols of change are apparent, the spirit of the north -- the determination, the courage and the skill of those who tamed Manitoba's last remaining frontier -- stay with us. And each year we remember, for they are exemplified in the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival.

This year in particular -- the Silver Anniversary of the Festival -- let us acknowledge in pride and gratitude all those things that make up the north. Let us salute our northern pioneers. Let us applaud the competitors at the Festival, who year after year have made it such a colorful event. And let us thank those who conceived the idea of such a festival, and who each year see that it is organized and smoothly run.

All Manitoba takes pride in this festival. In this quarter-century celebration of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival we pay special tribute to its organizers and participants. Long may it flourish!

EDWARD SCHREYER
Premier of Manitoba



GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN



Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival observes its SILVER ANNIVERSARY this year. It is by coincidence that our community also observes its sixtieth anniversary. I am proud to have been associated with Trappers' Festival since its very beginning. I have watched and taken an active part in the growth of our festival just as I have watched and participated in the growth of our community.

We need not take a 'back seat' to anyone for we have proved that we in The Pas and in the North have much to offer by way of beauty, natural resources, fun and fellowship.

To all who come from other areas to take part in our festival, we welcome you with open arms. Enjoy yourselves and make friends with us. We hope your stay will be enjoyable and we hope you will come back to visit us soon.

To all our citizens, I say "Thanks" for helping to make our festivals a success that they are. To my committee members and to all those who are involved in the 1972 Trappers' Festival, my personal thanks to you for your untiring efforts and contribution.

WILF CUDMORE SR.
Chairman, 1972 Trappers' Festival

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR,

TOWN OF THE PAS

The Town of The Pas salutes the 25th Anniversary of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival!! Since inception the Trappers' Festival has been imitated by many communities but equalled by none, as a winterland spectacle. It has become a major tourist attraction for the province of Manitoba. It has become known as a time when people forget the rigors of a long winter and simply enjoy themselves watching or participating in contests and attending the various social events

The World Championship dog race remains the star attraction. The husky dog is a legitimate symbol of the Trappers of the North. Snow machines are replacing dogs in many cases, but no machine can replace the deeds of the noble husky.

We want to thank President Wilf Cudmore and all his workers for their untiring efforts to keep the Festival a major attraction. To all our visitors, the Town of The Pas extends a warm greeting to enjoy your stay at the 25th Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival.

MAYOR JACK KENNEDY
Town of The Pas



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NORTHERN MANITOBA TRAPPERS' FESTIVAL

Program of Events

FESTIVAL H.Q. — BASEMENT, CAMBRIAN HOTEL

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

7:30 p.m. First Clue in Treasure Hunt for Ice Worm (Fort)

12:00 Midnight Silver Anniversary Ball (Cabaret Dance (Guy Hall)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

9:45 A.M. Opening Ceremonies (Ice Palace)

10:00 A.M. 1st Lap World Championship Dog Derby (Sask. River)

1:00 P.M. Motorized Toboggan Races (Sask. River)

1:30 P.M. Sports Program (Sports Ground)

3:00 P.M. Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Sask. River)

5:00 P.M. Second Clue for Ice Worm (Headquarters)

7:00 P.M. Queen's Pageant and Crowning of Queen (Mary Duncan School (Auditorium)

7:00 P.M. Preliminaries for Hi-Lites (Elks Hall)

9:00 P.M. Stage Show (Margaret Barbour Collegiate Auditorium)

12:00 Midnight Trappers' Rendezvous (Elks and Legion Halls)

12:00 Midnight Teen Dance (Guy Hall)

(Indian Handicrafts - Friendship Centre 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

10:00 A.M. Second Lap World Championship Dog Derby (Sask. River)

10:30 A.M. Junior Dog Derby (Sask. River)

10:30 A.M. Raw Fur Competition (Mary Duncan School Auditorium)

1:00 P.M. Motorized Toboggan Races (Exhibition Grounds)

1:30 P.M. King Trapper Competition (Sports Grounds)

2:00 P.M. Fur Fashion Show & Tea (Mary Duncan School Auditorium)
 3:00 P.M. Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Sask. River)
 5:00 P.M. Third Clue Ice Worm (Headquarters)
 6:00 P.M. Mushers' Banquet (Guy Hall)
 9:00 P.M. Stage Show (Margaret Barbour Collegiate Auditorium)
 12:00 Midnight Trappers Rendezvous (Legion, Elks and Guy Halls)
 (Indian Handicrafts - Friendship Centre 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

10:00 A.M. Third Lap World's Championship Dog Derby (Sask. River)
 10:00 A.M. Raw Fur Competition (Mary Duncan Auditorium)
 10:30 A.M. Freight Race (Sask. River)
 11:00 A.M. Last Clue for Ice Worm (Headquarters)
 1:00 P.M. Motorized Toboggan Races (Exhibition Grounds)
 1:30 P.M. Junior Sports (Sports Grounds)
 1:30 P.M. Marathon Showshoe Race (Sports Grounds)
 2:00 P.M. Fur Fashion Show & Tea (Mary Duncan School Auditorium)
 3:00 P.M. Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Sask. River)
 7:30 P.M. Festival Hi-Lites (Arena)
 9:30 P.M. Teen Dance (Elks Hall)
 (Indian Handicrafts - Friendship Centre 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.)

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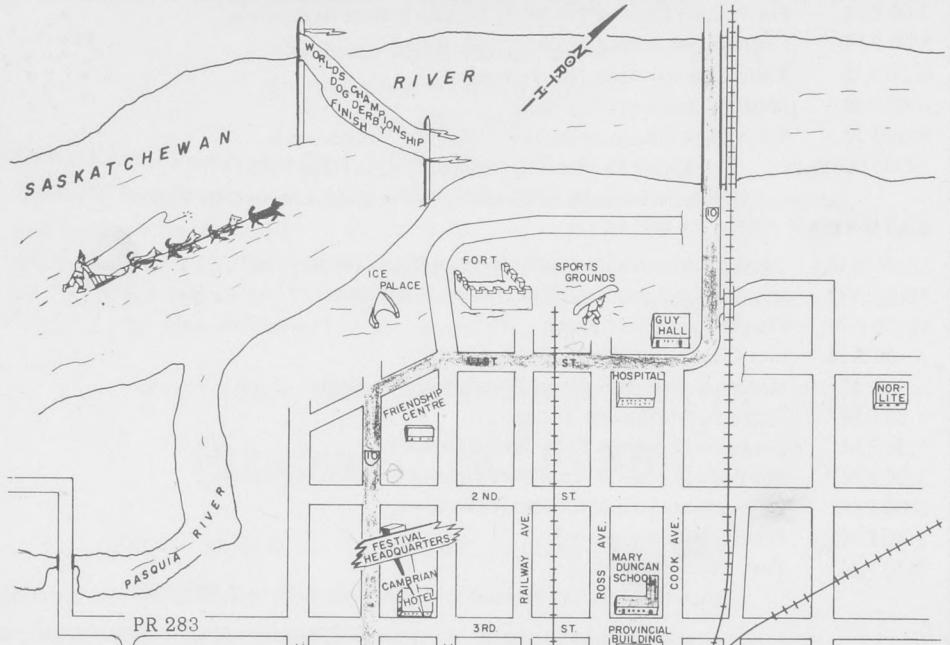
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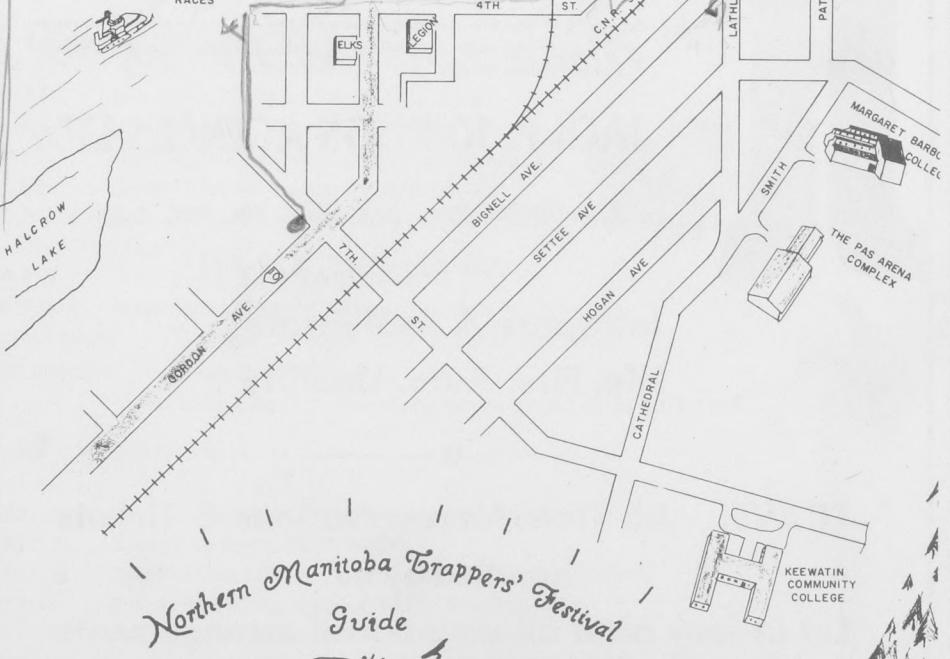
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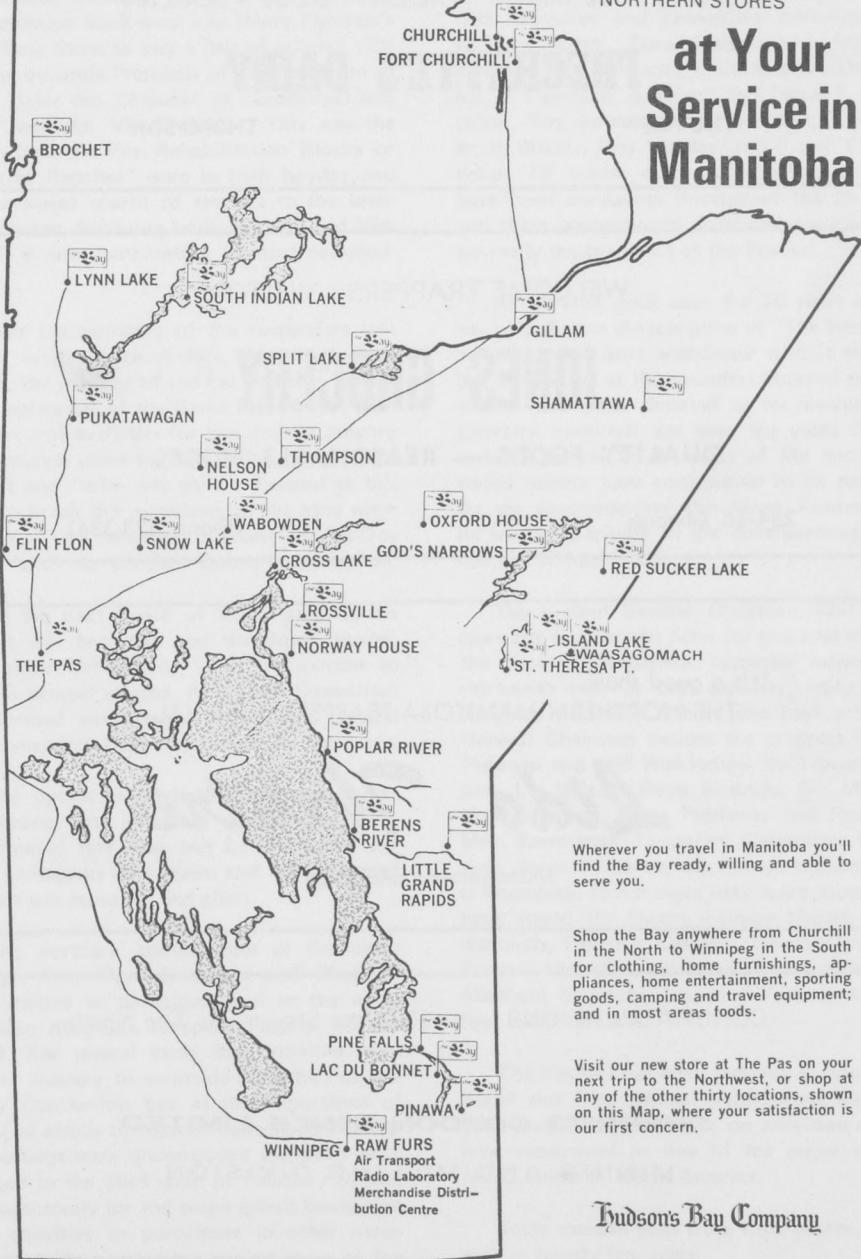
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It started in the fall of 1947 when Wilf Walkinshaw, manager of the local branch of the Dominion Bank went into Henry Fishman's Mens Wear Store to buy a pair of galluses. Wilf was the dynamic President of The Pas Board of Trade (later the Chamber of Commerce) and Henry was the Vice-President. This was the time when the Fur Rehabilitation Blocks or "Muskrat Ranches" were in their heyday and were a major source of revenue to the town businessmen, fur being both plentiful and high priced, a rare combination in most commodities.

Over the purchase of the suspenders talk turned to the price of furs, the coming long winter, the meeting of the Fur Advisory Board, when personnel of the Game Branch met with trappers and outfitters for two days in January to formulate plans for the Spring fur catch or harvest and "why not have a Festival at this time to break the monotony of the long winter", "Yes, let's revive the dormant The Pas Dog Derby with its Carnival Queen", and so on.

At the next Board of Trade meeting the subject was broached and the Board agreed, with some trepidation, to act as sponsor to get the project started. A Festival Committee was formed with Henry Fishman as General Chairman, and Wilf Walkinshaw as Secretary.

The optimism of these gentlemen was so stimulating that all those whom they contacted could not help but be influenced by their contagious enthusiasm and whole-hearted support was promised and given.

The northern communities of Cranberry Portage, Flin Flon, Sherridon and Churchill were invited to participate and so the name Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival was adopted. For several years the festivities were held in January to co-incide with the Fur Advisory Convention but as the importance of fur as an article of commerce declined and these meetings were discontinued the dates were changed to the third week of February so that the contestants for the major events could plan their activities to participate in other snow-time festivals which have copied some of the

N. M. T. F. original presentations.

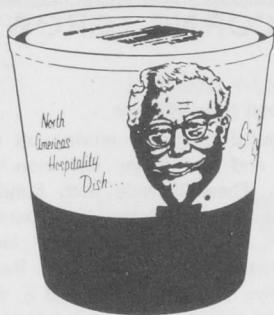
Only a handful of those serving on the first executive and committee chairmen are with us today. These include such familiar names as Wilf Cudmore, J. Catterall, A. Deminick, E. Davidson, A. Grant, Jack Hone, F. Houghton, Roy Johnson, Ford McMillan, P. Reader, H. Shklov, Roy Vickery, and S. and E. Wadelius. Of course many workers and helpers have been consistent throughout the 25 year and these unmentioned dedicated contributors are really the backbone of the Festival.

As we look back over the 25 years which has passed since the inception of "The Festival" we who have been associated with it cannot but be amazed at the countless hours of energy which have been donated in its production. Literally hundreds yes over the years thousands of people in all walks of life and with varied talents have contributed to its success. As we commemorate this Silver Anniversary let us pay a tribute to the contributions they one and all have made.

The present General Chairman, Wilf Cudmore has been at the helm for just over half of the Festival's existence, currently serving his thirteenth year in that capacity, truly "Mr. Trappers Festival". Others who have acted as General Chairmen besides the originals Henry Fishman and Wilf Walkinshaw are Trevor Morgan, Les Wilson, Doug McBride, Bill Moffat, Henry Reimer, Orest Pidskalny and Paul Lemay. Secretaries, Treasurers, Committee Chairmen, general helpers, etc. are so numerous it is impossible to list them here as are those who have staged the Shows, Fashion Shows, Teas, Banquets, Pageants, Displays, Sports, Contests, Parades and all those extras which make the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival the unique event that it is.

The Festival has been featured in many National and International publications and has been a colourful favourite on television and is now recognized as one of the major winter sports events of North America.

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Originated in 1916 under the name The Hudson Bay Dog Derby, it continued until 1931, except for the war years of 1917 and 1918, when economic conditions forced its suspension, it was revived in 1948 and has carried on without interruption since. In fact a record breaking 24 entries entered the race last year. It is now run in three daily laps of 50 miles each with the best overall time for the three days winning the Labatt Trophy and a cash prize of \$1500.00. The winner of each daily lap receives a cash prize of \$100.00. Only six teams survived the grueling endurance test last year to split the over \$4000.00. Among them with modest but nevertheless proud John Calvert winning first prize and in doing so broke the record for each daily lap as well as the overall one with a time of 11.07.28.

The Labatt Trophy, a beautifully engraved bronze plaque was designed in 1960 by noted wildlife artist Clarence Tillenius and is presented for Annual competition by Labatt's Manitoba Brewery along with the cash for first prize.

The Kinsmen Club of The Pas with their many members have had the prestige of administering this all important facet of the Festival for the last 10 years. This year's co-ordinating chairman is John Parrott. The race commences with a mass start on the Saskatchewan River at 10 A.M. on Thursday and the course parallels the Carrot River or Provincial Road 283.

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Following are the winners since 1948 when the race was revived by the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival:

1948 - Jack Heard	1956 - Ernie Jebb	1964 - Gilbert Lavallee
1949 - Edwin Lambert	1957 - Dr. R. Lombard	1965 - Swanson Highway
1950 - Laird Ouellette	1958 - Art Allen	1966 - Swanson Highway
1951 - Joe Highway	1959 - Laird Ouellette	1967 - Tom Merasity
1952 - Steve Pronteau	1960 - Joe LeClerc	1968 - Alex Cook
1953 - Steve Pronteau	1961 - Bill Carriere	1969 - Alex Cook
1954 - Steve Pronteau	1962 - Gilbert Lavallee	1970 - Murdock Carriere
1955 - Steve Pronteau	1963 - Peter Morin	1971 - John Calvert

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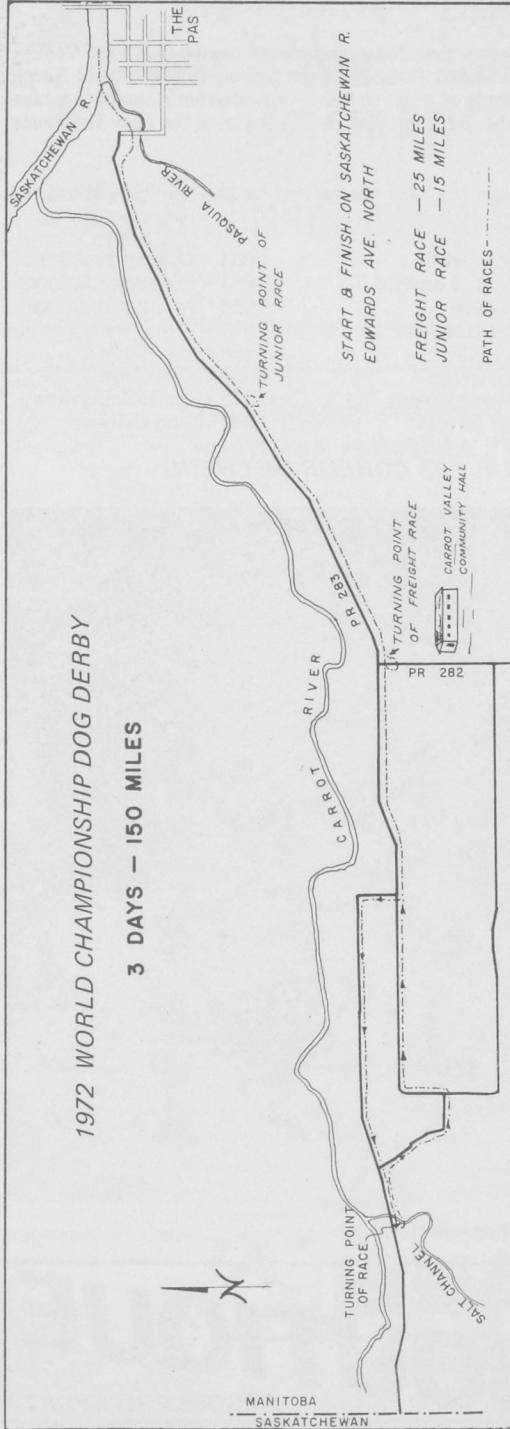
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(Story on page 54)

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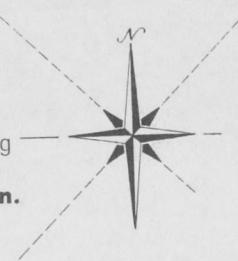
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The life long hobby and pride of Mr. Waller, the founder, who is a retired school teacher, having taught the Indians in mostly out of the way localities for 36 years. This collection is now housed in a new building that was the Rotarians Centennial project for 1970.

As Mr. Waller's own personal contribution he bequeathed his entire collection to The Town of The Pas in perpetuity so that others may also enjoy his priceless and mostly irreplaceable accumulation. So many articles defy our description that it is a must for visitors to visit genial Mr. Waller and see for themselves this outstanding collection.

One of the contests which provided great interest and participation in 1971 was the Ice Fishing Contest.

Ably supervised by Ticky King assisted by Sid Wilton, twenty-three contestants lined up at the 10 inch holes which had previously been bored through 52 inches of ice on the Saskatchewan River and at the word "go" endeavoured to catch the most fish in one hour to win the first prize. Fishing was good and excitement high as the final seconds ticked away and the late veteran outdoorsman Bill Wallace was proclaimed the winner with a total of seven northern pike.

For second and third prizes two contestants had to try their luck a few minutes longer in order to break the tie of five fish each and Walter Koshel was the successful one to win second prize and add two more needed points to his King Trapper score. In all a total of eighty fish was caught in the one hour fishing contest. This popular event will again be held this year on the Saturday afternoon and with "fishermans luck" anyone could be the winner.



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A comparative newcomer to the Trappers Festival is the Power Toboggan. Each winter an increasing number of these machines are being used by trappers, fishermen, prospectors and other persons in their work in the North, and many many more are being used for recreational purposes.

Although these machines lack the characteristics of the dog teams which sometimes were almost human, and will never generate the nostalgia associated with them, they are each year becoming more popular especially with the younger drivers. Numerous sponsors have donated trophies and cash prizes for the various categories. Last year a total of 47 trophies were awarded. Some of last year's winners were Junior Race - Grant Profit; Powder Puff Derby - Mary Pettinger; Ladies 15 mile race - Ingrid Conway; Best overall driver - Jim Willson; Best Sportsman - Mary Ceams; and 50 mile Grand Challenge - Gerry Angell.



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Festival Highlights

The final major event of the Festival and one that is most popular and a crowd pleaser is the Festival Highlights Show sponsored by the Rotary Club and held in the Sports Complex Arena on the Saturday evening.

Preliminaries are held in the Elks Hall on the Thursday evening when the contestants are narrowed down to the final three or four in each event. Last year 23 contestants vied for the honours in the jigging contest. Harried judges must make split hair decisions, performances are so close, but choices are accepted in a true sportsmanlike manner. An outstanding performance that won tremendous applause last year was the exhibition goose calling contributed by two Carriere boys, Clifford and Murdock, from Cumberland House, who joined forces in a duet to present a spectacular imitation of the Canada Geese calling to their mates in their various moods.

Besides the jigging, both senior and junior, old time fiddling, goose calling, moose calling, frog calling, whistling and squaw wrestling events, the fish eating and heaviest couple contests are sure to bring uproarious laughter from the packed audience. Last year hundreds had to be turned down at the entrance due to lack of space. The best Festival Dress is chosen by popular applause and many of the trophies and main prizes including the Labatt Trophy to the winner of the World Championship Dog Race are presented and the finale is the draw for the winning ticket and \$1,000.00 Cash Prize in the Queen Contest, surely a fitting close for an evening of colourful contests which help to make the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival the unique event that it is.



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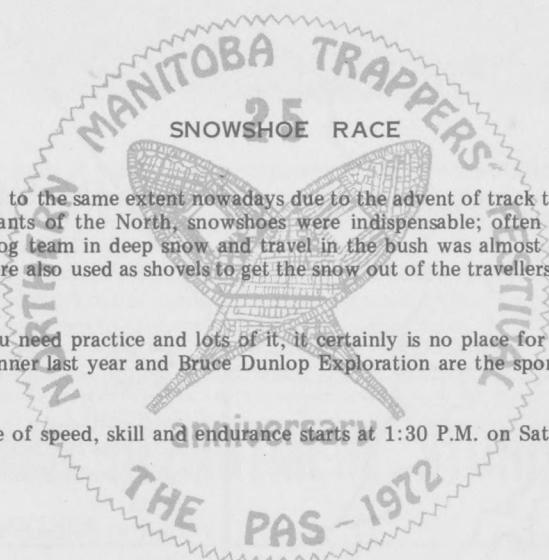
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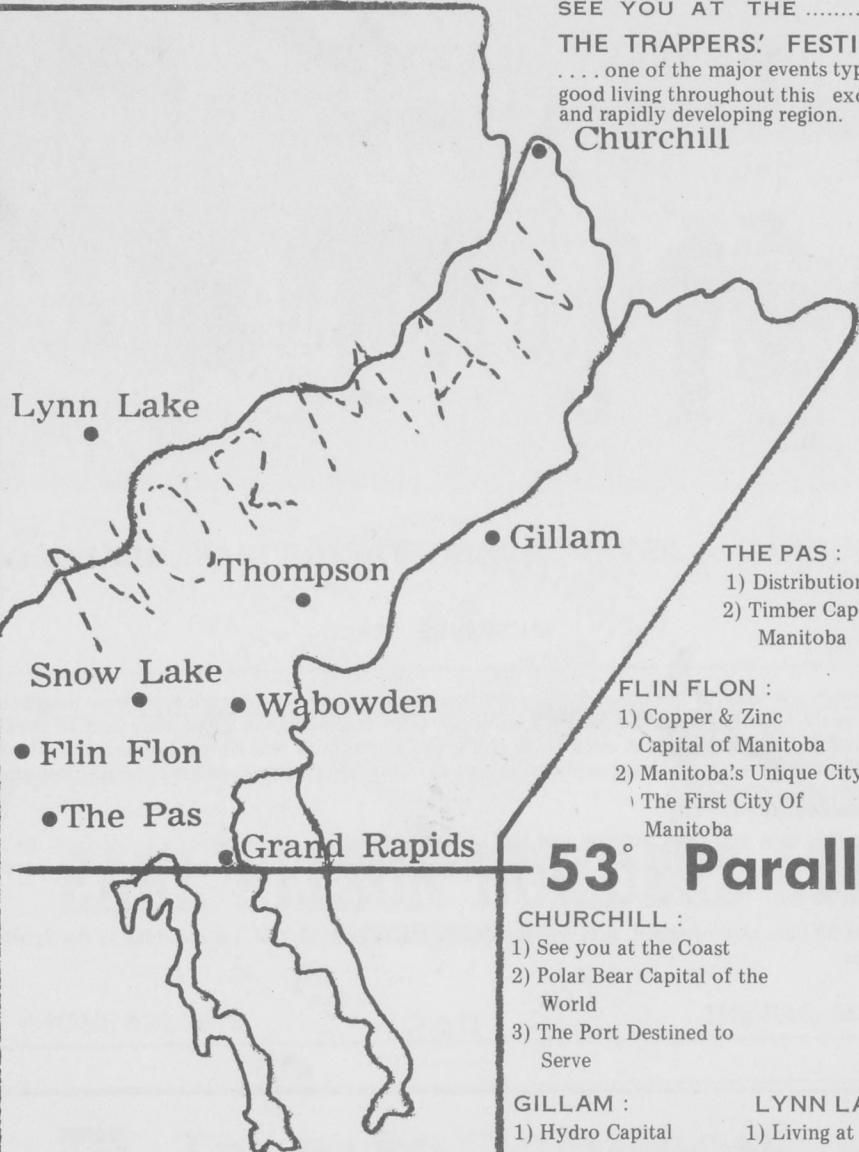
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For the first few years of the Festival the crowning of the Fur Queen and most of the official ceremonies were held in the Spruce Palace, later a platform of ice was used to complement the evergreens, and in 1963 John Bodnar and his committee constructed the Ice Palace in castle style.

For the last few years Real Berard has designed the ice palace as well as the Festival button and last year Brian Spulinak was in charge of the actual construction. The Ice Palace provides an ideal setting for photographers to take their official and other pictures.

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SNOW SCULPTURES

Due mostly to the coloured creations of artist Real Berard which are seen throughout the town at Festival time, Snow Sculpturing is gaining momentum.

A contest is open to one and all residing in the town or district and the sculptures should depict life in the North or some aspect of it.

Schools and organizations are invited to compete as well as private citizens but the sculpture must be completed by February 16, and name and location forwarded to Festival Committee by that date so that they may be judged. Cash prizes are awarded.

"TOWN OF THE PAS"

As the Town of The Pas was incorporated on April 6, 1912, it is this year commemorating its Sixtieth Anniversary or Diamond Jubilee, so we think it appropriate that a brief history be included in this Silver Anniversary Festival Booklet.

The name is derived from a Cree word *W'passkwagaw*, meaning "wooded narrows", that depression south-east of Devon Park, now mostly filled in being the early waterway for the canoes, what is now Devon Park was known as Mission Island.

The first known white man to visit the site of The Pas was Henry Kelsey on July 10, 1690, who was on his way from York Factory to the interior natives on a mission to promote trade for the Hudson's Bay Co.

In records dated July 8, 1754, appear the first recorded name of The Pas as we know it today. Prior to this time it had been mentioned as Poskoyac, Basquia, Pasquaha, Poskoyat sometimes preceded by Fort etc. Until 1912 The Pas was part of the North West Territories, on March 28 of that year it was included into the Province of Manitoba.

Herman Finger was the first elected Mayor of The Pas and the present Mayor, Jack Kennedy, born and raised in The Pas, is serving his first term as Chief Magistrate. Preceding him was Harry Trager who was first elected on Town Council in 1948, (the year of the organization of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival). He served as Councillor until 1959, when he was elected Mayor, a position he held for 12 years.

The railway came to The Pas in 1908 and in 1939 The Pas was connected to the outside for highway travel by P.T.H. No. 10. The first school for white children was built in 1910. Today Kelsey School Division No. 45 has a staff of 132 teachers. In 1907 the white population that is the households whose heads were white, numbered ten families, in this year of 1972 the population of the town is around 8500.

The first automobile was seen in The Pas in 1915 and the first commercial air flight in 1920. The first grain grown in Western Canada was grown at The Pas in 1754. Being on the waterway used by the early explorers and fur traders. The Pas is rich in historical background and very few towns have the colour, romance, adventure, call it what you will, associated with its name. In the days when fur was in its heyday, and king of commerce the \$1,000.00 silver fox brought renown and recognition to the North, and of course the beaver pelts gathered and transported to Europe in the earlier days caused many covetous eyes to be turned North Westward. "The Gateway to the North", that is The Pas, provided access to the fabulous mineral wealth of Northern Manitoba apparently as yet but scarcely scratched and rail access to the prairie provinces only sea-port of Churchill must be made through The Pas.

Although in the past The Pas has had numerous rumours of an impending "boom" it seems that at present these forecasts are being realized as activity in the town and surrounding area is at an all time high. Due mostly to the establishment of a Forestry Products Complex including saw-mill, pulp mill and paper factory construction and related industries are busily constructing residences both single and collective, shopping centres, hotels and so forth. The agricultural area west of the town seems also to be coming into its own after many setbacks and is contributing a few million dollars yearly to the overall economy, and with the construction and upgrading of main highways, tourists in ever increasing numbers are flocking northward.

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Festival Sports

One of the main attractions of the Festival is the outdoor sports and contests in which natives and whites vie with each other in competitions which are indicative of the art and skill required by the early inhabitants to gain their livelihood and in some cases their very survival.

For several years, the Lions Club have handled this portion of the Festival and a recurring familiar figure is Ticky King who is a busy and tireless worker for the three days. He is so ably supervising these events.

Contests such as tree falling, wood cutting, canoe packing, flour packing, trap setting, muskrat skinning, tea boiling, bannock baking, and so on each contributes cash prizes to the winners as well as points which add up to the total to win the coveted King Trapper title and trophy.

Perhaps the most popular of these contests is the flour packing, reminiscent of the early days when all freight was hauled throughout the north by canoes and York boats and packed over the portages between lakes or other waterways. John Flett holds the record for packing 1000 pounds of Purity flour at one time on his back. The Purity Flour Division of Maple Leaf Mills has been a consistent sponsor of this event; the winner keeps all the flour he or she can carry. Ladies also participate in this contest and have done so long before the Lib Demonstrations were news headlines. Mrs. Mary Lathlin, a native mother of eleven children is a regular winner with a record of 450 pounds for the gentler sex. No doubt as the Liberation Movement continues and equalization of the sexes expands this record will soon be broken.

Also high in popularity are the tea boiling and bannock baking contests. In the tea boiling the contestants line up, then race to their individual piles of wood, split kindling, start their fire, melt snow in their tea pail to make it about half full of water and when the water comes to a full boil put in the tea. Speed is the main requisite of this contest but the tea must be of good quality, in case of a tie or near tie quality would win. These contests take place outdoors often in 20 to 25 degrees below zero weather, but the all time record for tea boiling is a few seconds over four minutes from start to finish.

It takes a little longer for the bannock baking under the same conditions except that the same fire is used as the coals are already available. Each contestant is given a supply of flour, baking powder, lard and salt and the finished bannock is judged on quality and very good quality bannock can be and is cooked in this manner.

The muskrat skinning is judged on quality of workmanship so as to promote proper handling of fur pelts but most of the remaining contests are decided on a time basis. This part of the Festival is held at the Sports Grounds at the foot of Edwards Avenue just a few yards from the starting-finishing line of the Dog Races with a replica of old Fort Opasquahay in the background and the grounds are prepared by Parks and Recreation Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

Truly these unique events in their genuine northern setting and honest down to earth atmosphere are one of the main reasons the Festival has and will endure; as John Fisher said in 1950 when he visited the Festival, "May you never lose your enthusiasm for the Trappers' Festival. Your whole effort thrills me because it is extremely Canadian. You have not injected some phony act or mimicked some foreign show. You have taken the snow, the ice, the trappers and the dogs and have made them play and live. More power to you."

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The judging was done by glamourous gals in an appropriate atmosphere who provided a hilarious period of Festival enjoyment.

We are sure "Fuzzy" will again make a smashing success of the beard contest and no doubt will obtain a sponsor for the "silveriest" one for this Silver Anniversary Festival.

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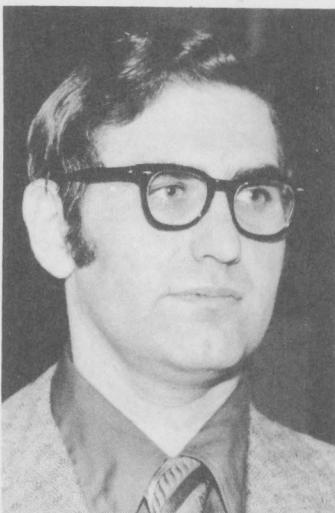
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It is fitting that each year The Pas, the Gateway to the North, is the setting for our fun filled festival honoring one of the economic livelihoods that has helped to develop Northern Manitoba. This year is even more special because of the Celebration of our Silver Anniversary Festival and also the Diamond Jubilee of the Town of The Pas.

So a note of thanks to those hard working volunteers whose efforts make our enjoyment possible and warm hearty greetings to all trappers, queen candidates, fiddlers, jiggers, snow sculptors, tea boilers, snowmobile racers, fashion shows, handicraft makers, entertainers, moose callers, snowshoers and other fun lovers.

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The Stage Show will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings in the Margaret Barbour Collegiate Auditorium.



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While enjoying tea and dainties audiences will be treated to a delightful array of furs. At half time the furs will give way to an equally delightful interlude of entertainment.

Cliff Gardner, our amiable M.C. will again be on hand to complete an afternoon of enjoyment.

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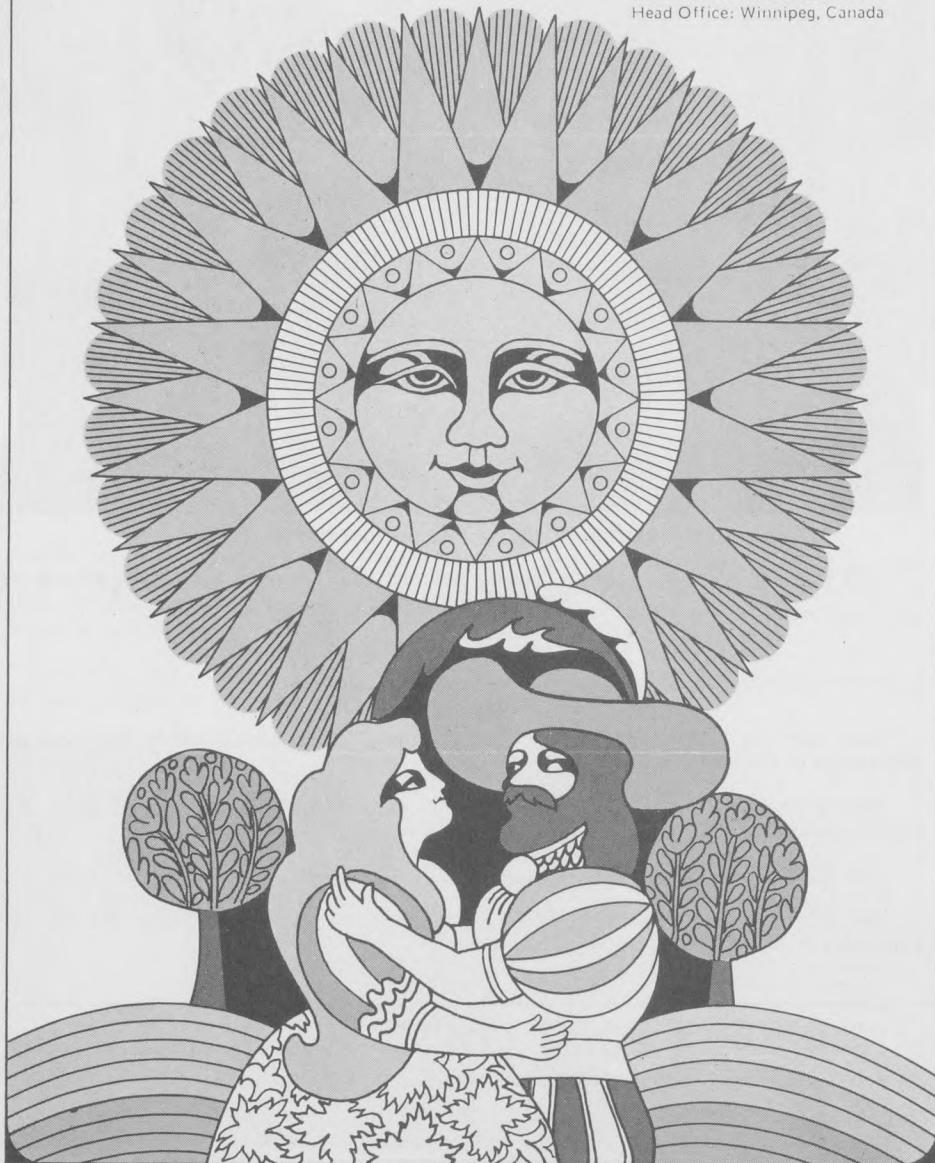
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One genial old soul was heard to "complain" that the clue "It's old but handsome" caused him some embarrassment as he was searched three times, but the ice worm was discovered in a drain pipe of the remodelled Orchard, Bancroft, Whidden, Mayer and Gardner building across from the Post Office. This building housed the first Bank of The Pas, The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1910.

The theme song of the Festival, "When the Ice Worms Nest Again", features the ice worm, and prior to the Festival a selected specimen is collected and hidden in an unlikely place and clues posted daily.

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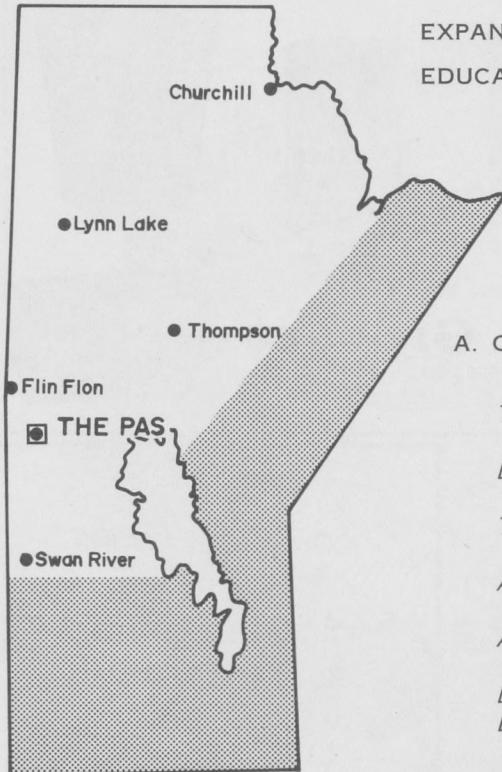
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This year, our Queen's Pageant will be held Thursday evening at the Mary Duncan School Auditorium and one of the beautiful and talented contestants will be crowned "1972 Miss Fur Queen" by none other than Bridgette Prince, 1971 Miss Manitoba. Our contestants will be judged solely on beauty, talent, and personality.

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In 1970, Danny came in second, losing in his bid to retain the title won the previous year with a time of 2.47.6. Last year he really intended to recapture the trophy as he led with a blistering start and covered the 25 mile course in 1.19.42, truly an amazing performance.

Coming in second about five minutes later was 12 year old Ricki Calvert, son of World Championship Trophy holder John Calvert. Six youngsters shared the prize money and with this kind of participation there is no doubt that the future of the Big Race is assured.

COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival is a non profit organization and all our surplus earnings are contributed to local community projects.

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TRAPPERS' RENDEZVOUS

The Trappers Rendezvous Dances will be going full strength again this year at the Legion, Guy and Elks Halls, from 12 midnight to 3 A.M.

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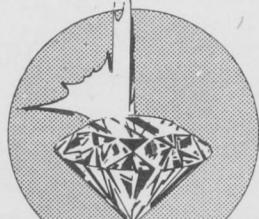
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CLIFF GARDNER, (Manitoba's own Tevye) is Master of Ceremonies at a number of the Festival events and performances. This year it is reported that he goes real big time by teaming up with Doug McBride to bring the Stage Show audiences their version of "Laugh-In".



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The Knights of Columbus under the committee chairmanship of Wilf Crossley are looking after this event this year as usual.

Originated primarily as an occasion to honour the mushers and introduce them to the public, this is now one of the most popular get-togethers. The food itself is beef stew, and what beef stew! With bannock and strawberry jam for dessert, the trappers' favourite. Live entertainment by local talent contributes to an enjoyable affair. This is held in the Guy Hall on the Friday evening.

THE FREIGHT RACE

When the first organized dog race in The Pas was mooted back in 1916, the promoters had two objectives in mind, to publicize the rich mineral wealth and other resources of Northern Manitoba, and to encourage the raising of a superior breed of dogs with stamina and endurance.

The freight race is for a distance of 15 miles with a limit of not more than 5 dogs and 25 lbs. of freight must be hauled for each dog in the team.

Last year 17 teams competed in this event some of them drop outs from the World Championship Race. This race is held on the Saturday. The winner receives the Emile St. Godard Memorial Trophy and a cash prize of \$100.00. Gulf Oil was the sponsor of all the cash prizes.

Bert Travis of The Pas came in first last year with a time of 1.14.18 and he ran all the way behind the sled to make it easier for his dogs.



1971 Fur Queen, Mrs. Rick Colgan (nee Ann Szadiak), The Pas Stock Car Club Candidate, with her first princess Shirley E. Dion - Miss Flin Flon left and Norma Jebb, Princess from The Pas Reserve Blues.

THE FUR QUEEN CONTEST

During the twenty-five years of the Festival's existence, scores of beautiful damsels have competed for the title of Fur Queen.

Started as a means of raising money for the Festival expenses the first prize to the winner of the lucky ticket drawn has varied from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00, a new automobile or an all expense paid trip for two to some exotic island. This year there is a first prize of \$1,000.00, a second prize of \$500.00, and three prizes of \$100.00 each. The Queen and Princesses receive many lovely gifts, mostly donated by nation wide advertised firms, and the Fur Queen will be sponsored by the Festival in the Miss Manitoba contest of 1972.

In the early years, the Queen was chosen on ticket sales alone, this has been changed through the years until this year, the Queen will be chosen on the Miss Manitoba contest rules, such as beauty, poise, personality, etc.

Each girl must sell her quota of tickets, which vary according to the population of the centre she represents, to be eligible for Fur Queen. It is hoped that the previous Queens will all be in attendance at this year's Festival.

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In 1924 The Pas Dog Derby still featured the 200 mile long endurance race, that is it was a mass start with all competing teams starting at the same time, 10 A.M. and the first one back from the gruelling 200 mile trip was the winner, provided of course that he had followed the rules.

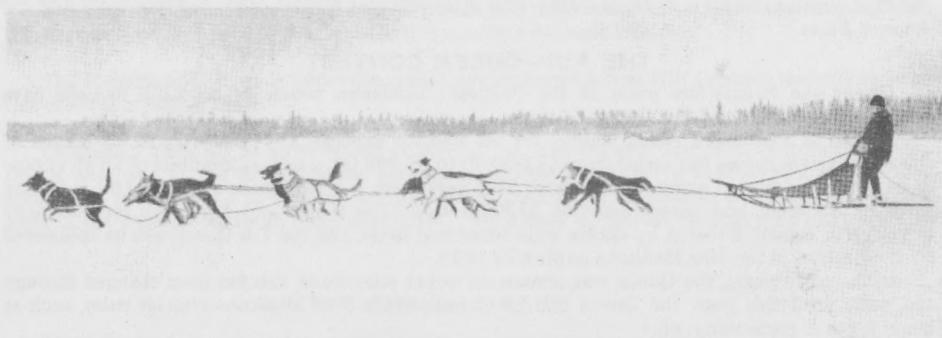
One of the contestants was Wm. "Shorty" Russick, a trapper-Prospector working out of the Sheridan area who had a splendid team of well groomed, long legged husky and hound cross dogs. The route was to Camp 5 of The Pas Lumber Company somewhere near where Carrot River town, Saskatchewan, is today and return.

Exactly 23 hours and 42 minutes after the race started "Shorty" was back at the starting-finishing line, having rested his team for a few hours at the mid-way camp and fed them a total of three times. As the race committee did not expect any of the contestants back until some time in the afternoon and had been dancing and otherwise celebrating practically all night there was no one on hand at this early hour to welcome "Shorty" so he went up to the fire hall and rang the fire bell, to announce his return, and record his official "time". Remember this was in 1924, there were no telephones in the bush, radio, aircraft, helicopters were extremely rare or unknown, there was no way to check the progress of the race except by another dog time and that was futile.

This time was a record for the 200 mile race and was never even closely approached. "Shorty" gave all the credit to his dogs and the food he gave them which consisted of ground beef and hard boiled eggs cooked in lots of bacon grease to keep from freezing.

A lake in Northern Manitoba near his trapping grounds has been named Russick Lake to commemorate this feat.

"Shorty" is now residing in The Pas with his son and family at the Rupert House and we are pleased on this Silver Anniversary to be able to extend congratulations to him and to wish him many more years of happy life.



The Champion - The Late Emile St. Godard, the "winningest" driver of them all with the nine dogs he drove to victories in Eastern Canada and the United States as well as in the Dog Derby from The Pas to Flin Flon and return.

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Emile won the 200 mile endurance race in 1925, driving a team of dogs owned by Jack Bacon. The races of 1926-27-28 were lap races all won by Emile St. Godard. In 1929 the endurance race was re-introduced and won by St. Godard driving his own dogs. During this era and through most of the 1930's Emile travelled extensively in the winter season competing in dog sled races in Eastern Canada and the northern United States winning innumerable first prizes and dozens of trophies.

With his pleasing personality and his lead dog Toby, who was almost human in his understanding Emile made hosts of friends wherever he went and certainly added prestige to the name of The Pas. With his passing in 1948 The Pas and Northern Manitoba lost one of its most dedicated citizens.

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The King Trapper award was inaugurated in 1955, the eighth year of the Trappers' Festival. Up to this time there had been always a Fur Queen so why not a King of the Trappers? The title is awarded to the one securing the most total points in all the various contests and sports events, three points being gained for first, two for second and one for third prizes.

The first title of King Trapper was won by popular colourful Roger Carriere, a native of Cumberland House. He has won the award many times and has done much to publicize the Trappers' Festival through his colourful appearances and performances on T.V., as well as his personality.

Another repeating winner and the present holder of the title is local boy, Walter Koshel who won fame if not fortune by his personal Centennial project of snowshoeing from The Pas to Winnipeg, in March of 1967, to promote Northern Manitoba.

The King Trapper Trophy which is presented for annual competition is a beautiful wood carved trophy which was made and designed by Real Berard, an illustrator employed by the Parks Branch, Winnipeg.

The Lions Club sponsor the Junior King Trapper contest and award an individual replica to the winner as well as a trophy for annual competition.

With competition keen and decisions close, it is usually not until the final events of The Highlight Show that the winner is known, this contest will continue to be one of the most highly contested ones.

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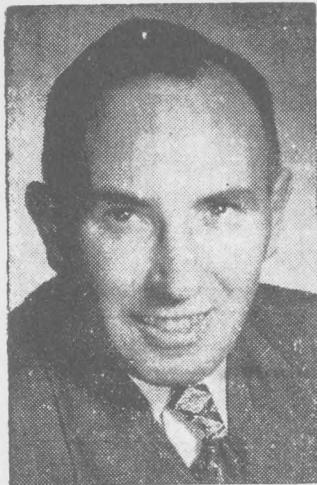
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One of the founders and an early chairman of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival was Wilf Walkinshaw. He was transferred to Vancouver in 1951 and was asked to write a message for the 10th Anniversary Booklet of 1957. He passed away suddenly on December 15th, 1956 at Cowichan Bay while relieving the Dominion Bank manager there. The following pencilled message was found on his desk and forwarded to the Festival Committee. We are reprinting it in full as we think it is equally as valid and inspirational for this 25th Anniversary as it was for the 10th.

"It is indeed wonderful to know that the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival has been in existence for a decade. This in itself speaks highly of the courage and tenacity of the men and women of The Pas. When I remember the two telegrams I drew up and sent to the then Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. J.S. McDermaid and his Deputy Mr. D.M. Stephens, it fills me with pride to know I had been associated with it from the instant of its birth.

Many interesting stories could be told of those early days and there are some that would make you wonder that our child ever survived. That it did is high credit to the small band of men who dedicated a good portion of their lives each fall and winter to its planning and development.

The Trappers' Festival is good for the people of the North; those who plan, those who work, those who participate, and those who just watch. It is good for the young and good for the very old; for men and women; for boys and girls; people in The Pas, Flin Flon or Pukatawagan. Those who live in city homes, those in trappers cabins and those in trading posts. And why is it good? Because it gives one and all something to get excited about, something to take pride in, something to argue about, and best of all, something to laugh over.

It brings out the strength and weaknesses in men and women; stimulates their zest for life, and revives their faith in the country in which they live. It shortens the winter and lengthens the summer. Yes, the Trappers' Festival is a good thing and worthy of everyone's respect.

Good luck to you, friends of the North. I remember you all with friendship and love, and I am deeply grateful that your General Chairman was kind enough to remember me. Keep up the good work and let nothing dismay you.

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By R.W. "Bob" Burns

Trapping and trappers have indeed changed since the first time the white man realized beaver skins worn by Indians made good fur hats. No longer the strenuous canoe trips to market, the heavy slogging on snowshoes to the trapline. Snowmobiles and efficient marketing mean a far more efficient use of our fur resource.

And trappers have reflected the change in our way of life, and are taking more notice of the world around them. They're concerned with such things as power toboggan transportation, bigger traplines, fur depots and fur markets -- and keep up to date with latest developments in those fields.

While the total number of trappers in Manitoba has remained fairly constant over the past few years, the number of registered trappers dropped by 175 last year. Men left the woods for a variety of reasons, including moving to new jobs and transportation problems.

This means the harvest of fur pelts has decreased over the past decade. But the value of the individual pelt has increased slowly over the same time, so that furs are worth more than they once were.

Unfortunately, rising costs of operation, and rising costs of everyday commodities have made the improved price of furs seem very inadequate.

But the modern trapper is doing something about the situation. Government has taken note of trappers' concerns and is working side by side with trappers to provide both guidance and financial support to arrange better trapping programs.

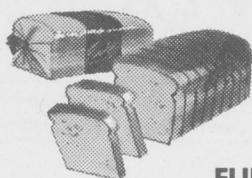
This support has included tax concessions on some supplies, and provincial money to help form a Registered Trappers' Association, which will act in partnership with resource development programs aimed at improving conditions on the trapline and in fur markets.

But trappers are doing more than this to improve their situation. They have assisted in the development of the humane trap; they have organized junior trapper groups; and they have taken training in fur grading and fur valuation amongst other things.

This year, for the first time, representatives from trapping communities in Manitoba's north attended a conference with the fur advisory committee to discuss ways and means of improving the trapping industry as part of a resource use program.

Trappers as a group today now have a better opportunity for a sound, progressive trapping industry than at any other time in the past. A great deal of credit and praise for their aggressive thinking and action must be given them for making Manitoba's fur industry one of the most progressive in the country.

Therefore, to Manitoba's trappers -- wherever or whoever they may be -- we say: Keep up the good work, and good luck along the trapline.



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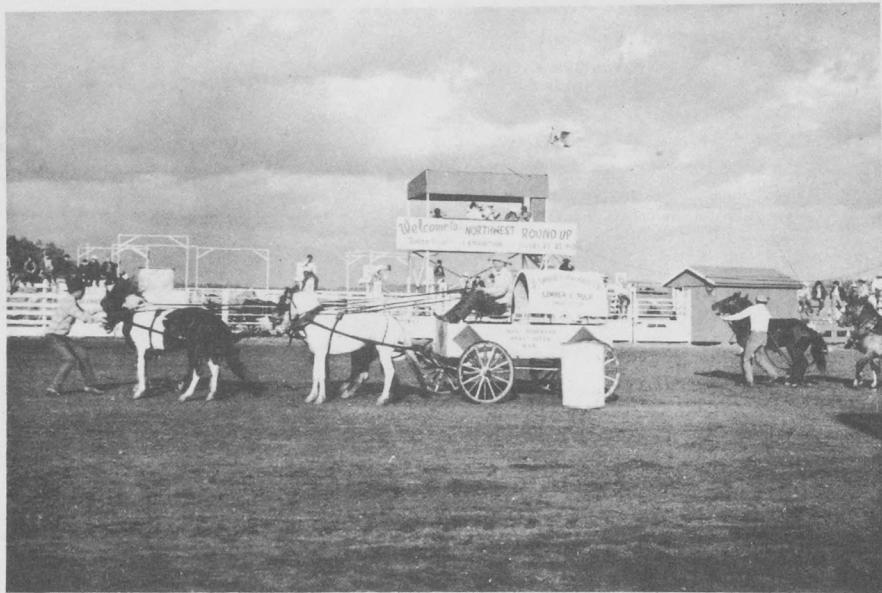
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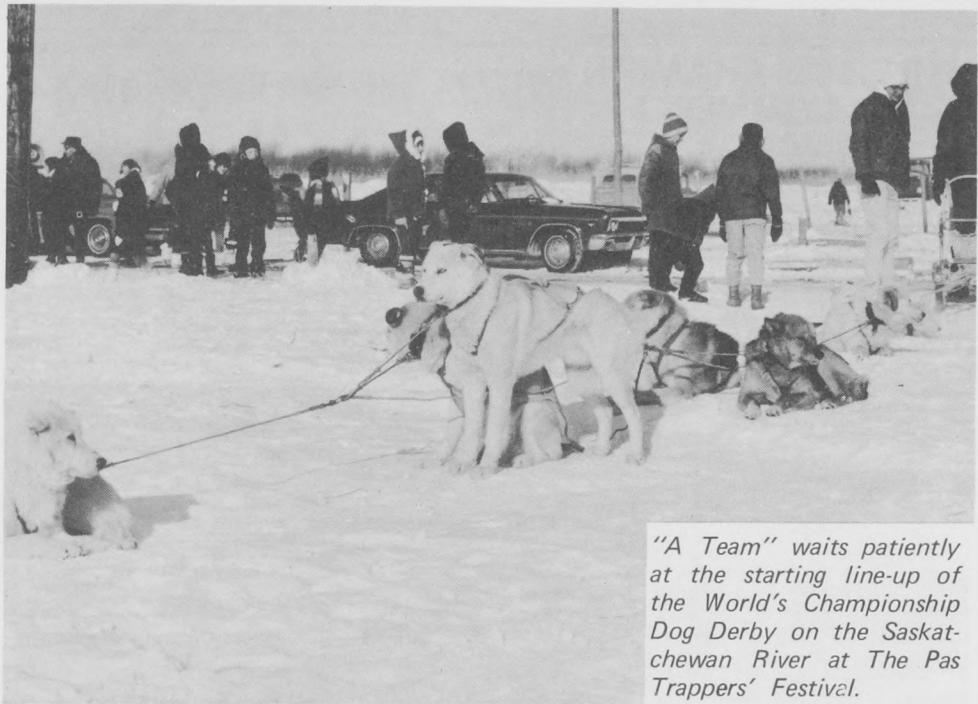
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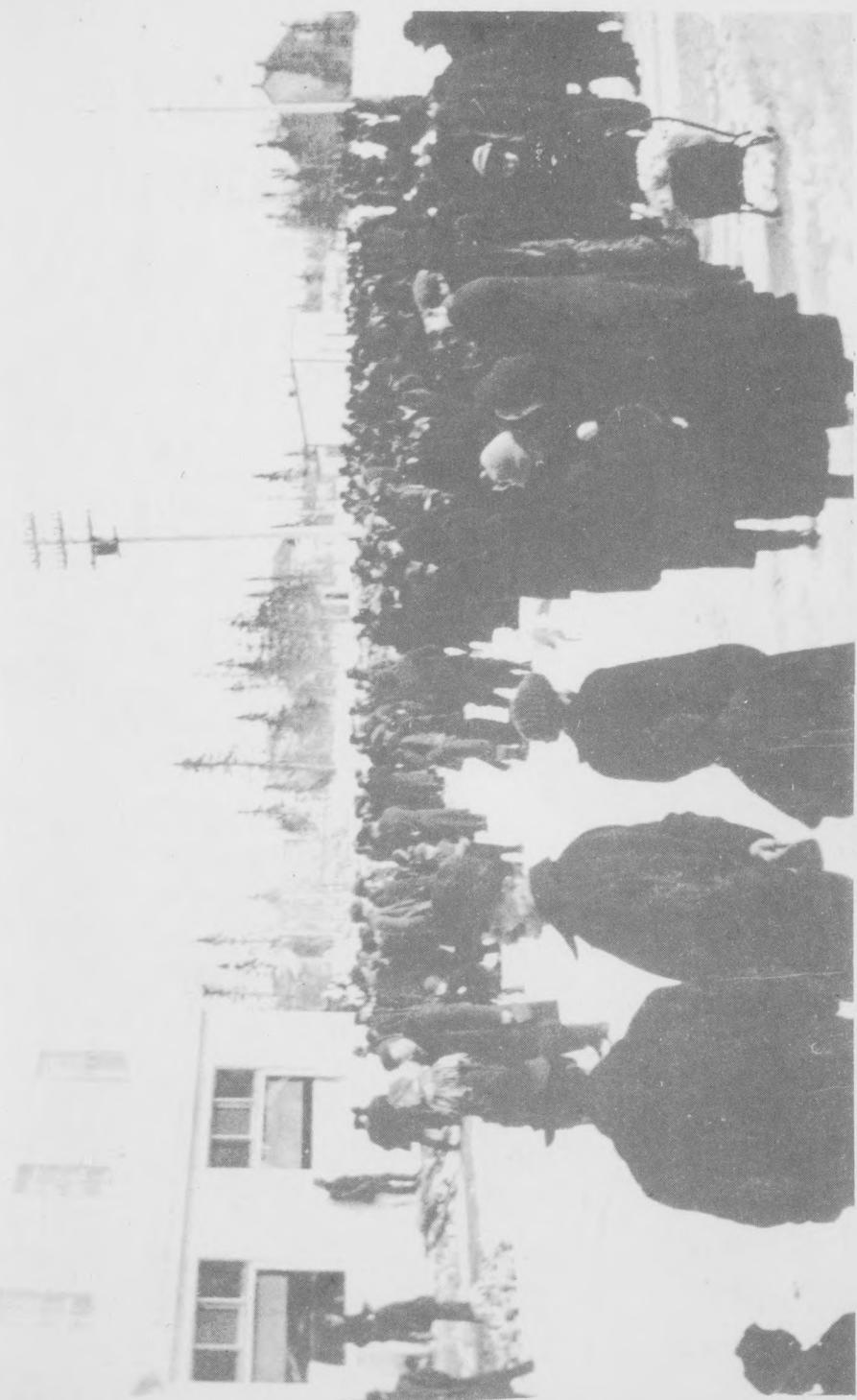
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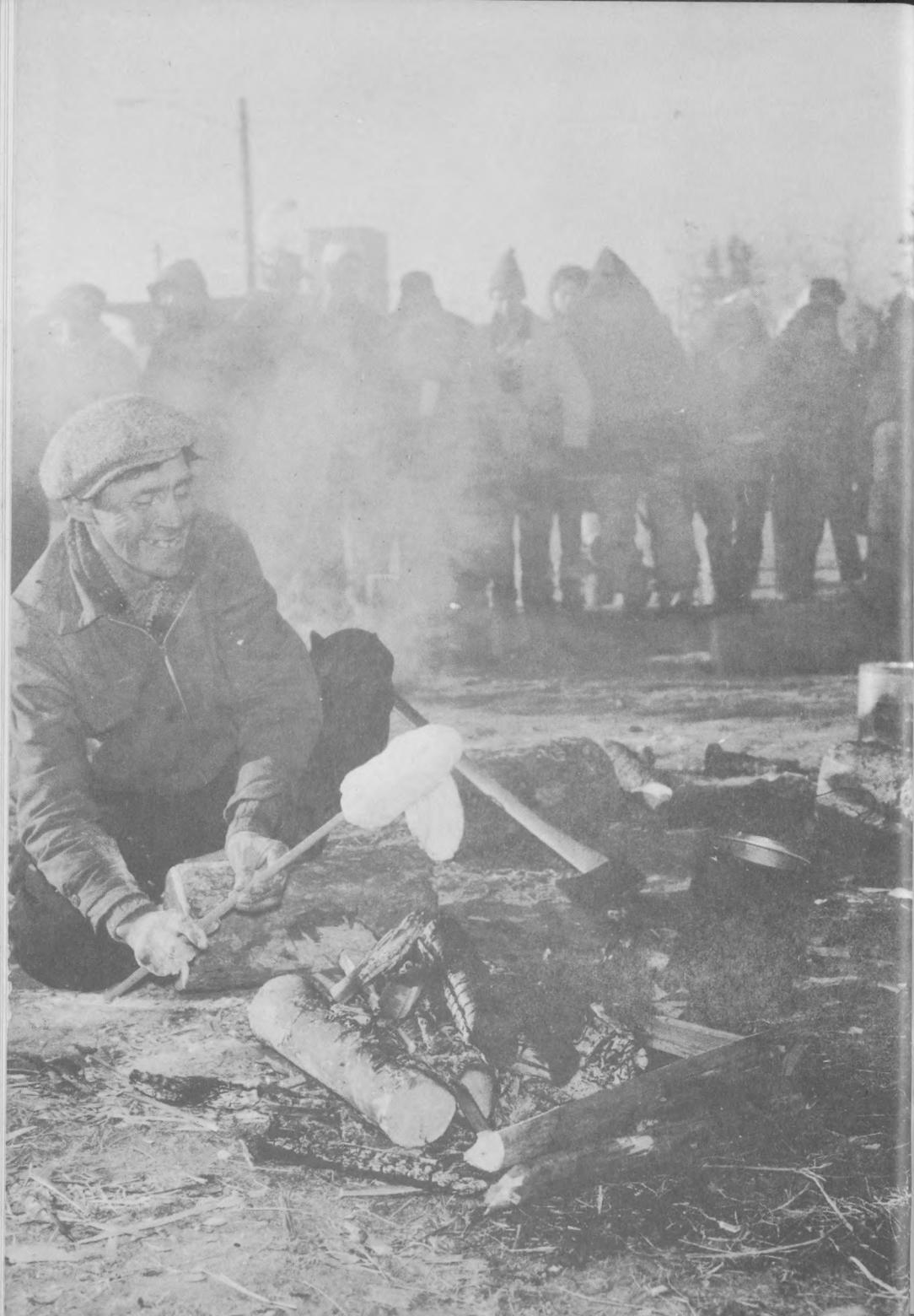
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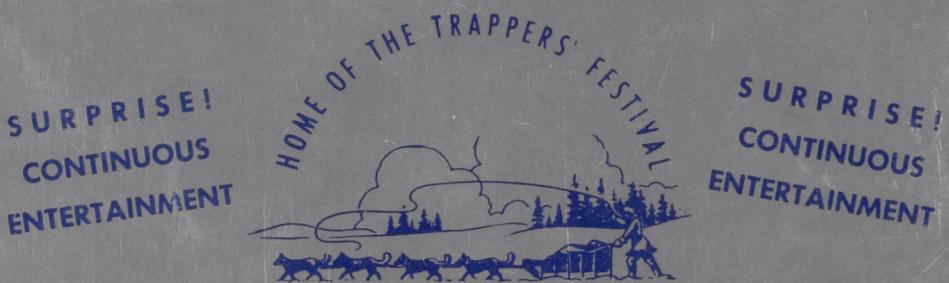


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